

# Improved Lady Bishops easily exceed expectations

By BRAD BARNES

Hey, back in December I wrote a pre-season story on the Lady Bishops basketball titled "Lady Bishops determined to improve."

The story talked about the difficulties facing the Lady Bishops from the year before. It also talked about some of the keys needed to make this past season a good one. It suggested that the Lady Bishops would not only be a different team this year but a good one, too.

After that story came out, people were telling me how impressed they were with what I wrote and how good it was. Thanks, but they also told me how crazy I was to have believed that the girls would be a better team this year.

Well, who is crazy now? The Lady Bishops have not only improved on that 6-16 record from last year, going 11-14, but also made it through the first round of the Dixie Conference Championship with a home win over Ferrum College on Feb. 23.

What has been the key for the return of Bishop pride? Team work. That's right, everyone was pulling together and, like the folks from that shoe company like to say, "just doing it." They were just a bunch of athletes coming together and shooting some hoops, Bishop style.

The December pre-season story also talked about how senior guard Jennifer Short had to step up and lead this team. And that's exactly what she did, her name was not the first name you saw in the scoring stats at the end of every game, but she was in the game when it counted. She was not only a headsy player, but she was smart one, too.

The pre-season story also mentioned that junior forward Lisa Tyson was perhaps the best offensive player in the league. I hate to admit it, but I was wrong. She was definitely the best.

I was sitting behind the bench of an opposing team one game and overheard one of the parents of a girl on the opposing team say, "You know, we could win this game if we broke Tyson's legs." Watching her reminds me of my favorite basketball player, Larry Bird — never fast but always on time and fun to watch. The only difference — Tyson is better looking.

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Christie Donofrio finished her season in the zone! She lead the team in three-point field goals. One time in practice, a player challenged her to knock down a three-pointer with her eyes closed. I don't need to tell you what happened, but if you happen to see L.B. Watson, just smile and say, "Hey, L.B., we all make mistakes sometimes." Donofrio, along with Tyson, clearly played the most consistent ball this year.

First year sophomore forward Chris Webb played good on both sides of the ball this year. She lead her Bishop team in steals (45 at last count) and was third in scoring. Webb's wizardry on the floor was definitely one of the reasons for the Bishops' turnaround season.

Lynn Harris plays the game like the homeys you see in the park, the ones that don't call the fouls and always have the skinned-up knees — the ones who have the nicknames you never heard of, like Cool-Burt, Hair-Cut, and my favorites, Dookey and Hardrock. In that pre-season story I told you to have your insurance policy in hand when you played her. Well, there were a lot of premiums collected this month. She played hard on the glass and

just plain harassed opposing players.

Do not forget the role players. Guard Dracena Cherry played great by providing some quality minutes off the bench, along with forward L.B. Watson. Their woman/child center Kathleen Hakenson came through with some big games this season and has been getting better and more confident with every game.

On a team loaded with tremendously talented but sometimes inconsistent ball players, the Lady Bishops showcased some of the best women's basketball players I have seen in a long time. This is not a misprint. The Bishops finished their season with confidence and style.

Playing in a conference that is becoming oh, so exciting, head coach John Brackett has a team coming back next season that makes your tongue tingle, they could take the Dixie Conference if they wanted it.

This team, with the help of a strong bench and the experienced play of the big three — Lisa Tyson, Chris Webb, and Christina Donofrio — will next year definitely be playing that in-your-face kind of basketball that could turn them into a dominant power in the conference.

### Wesleyan 1993 Baseball Schedule

March 27	North Adams Sate (Mass.)	1 p.m.
March 29	Guilford	3 p.m.
April 3	at Greensboro (DH)*	Noon
April 4	at Greensboro(	1 p.m.
April 6	Salisbury State (Md.)	3 p.m.
April 9	Christopher Newport (DH)*	Noon
April 10	Christopher Newport*	1 p.m.
April 13	Elon	4 p.m.
April 17	at Ferrum (DH)*	Noon
April 18	at Ferrum*	1 p.m.
April 20	Mount Olive	3 p.m.
April 24	Methodist (DH)*	Noon
April 25	Methodist*	1 p.m.
April 29	Barton (at Five County Stadium)	7 p.m.
May 1	St. Andrews	1 p.m.
May 2	Mary Washington	1 p.m.
May 8	at East Carolina**	7 p.m.
May 9	Norfolk State**	1 p.m.
May 14	Montclair State (NJ)	4 p.m.
May 15	Montclair State***	1 p.m.

\* Dixie Conference game

\*\* Parents Weekend

\*\*\* Senior Day

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Andy — Your toes tasted scrumptious in the tub!

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Pooh — Don't worry about it! Owl

Tommy — What did you say you left in the Porsche? Congrats!

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